Commissioner deviate from the rules which Government have laid down ? I am afraid, the honourable members are either swayed by personal considerations or are not in possession of correct information. I can assure the House that the Commissioner strictly followed the rules in selecting candidates for these appointments.

**Mr M. Govindan :** May I know why the other Departments are also not given to him for recruitment ?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :** They will be given if additional staff is sanctioned.

If the House allows this grant, the Commissioner will start work in the course of a few weeks. Otherwise, he will have to carry on with the existing insufficient staff and regular recruitment to all the departments may have to be postponed.

**Chairman :** The motion before the House is that a sum of Rs. 2,596 be sanctioned for the appointment of temporary additional staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner, and contingencies.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## INDUSTRIES.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 12,000 under Industries. Sir, Rs. 10,000 under this amount is required under working capital for the Trivandrum Sales Depot and the balance of Rs. 2,000 under contingencies for the Carpentry School, Trivandrum

Sir, the budget allotment under debt head advances for the Trivandrum Sales Depot was Rs. 10,000. This amount is mainly spent for the purchase of yarn to three institutions, namely, the Central Technological Institute which is a section of the Department of Industries, the Reformatory School which has got a small weaving establishment and then the Central Prison Manufactory. The major portion of this amount is spent for the supply of yarn to the Central Prison.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether this Demand can be regarded as a supplementary demand. Under Rule 77 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, a supplementary demand can be moved only under certain conditions. Rule 77 reads thus :—

(1) "An estimate shall be presented to the Assembly and the Council for a supplementary or additional grant when—

(*a*) the amount voted in the budget of a grant for which the vote of the Legislature is necessary is found to be insufficient for the purpose of the current year, or

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(*b*) a need arises during the current year for expenditure for which the vote of the Legislature is necessary upon some new service not contemplated in the Budget for that year."

The demand in question will not come under Rule 77 (1) (*a*); for no amount had been sanctioned in the budget of the Industries Department for the current year for the purchase of yarn for the use of the Central Prison. And as such it cannot be said that any amount " is found to be insufficient for the purpose of the current year". So this motion will not come under Rule 77 (1) (*a*).

Even under Rule 77 (1) (*b*) it cannot be treated as a supplementary demand. This demand will not come under the category of "new services not contemplated in the budget." Assuming that it does fall within this category, the "new service not contemplated in the budget" should be one that arises in the Industries Department and not under any other department. But the Ag. Director of Industries has now stated that this grant is required for the purchase of yarn for the use of the Central Prison. If that is so, there is already a provision in the budget of the Central Prison for Rs. 10,000 for the purchase of raw materials such as yarn. And if that amount is found to be insufficient, the proper course is to move for a supplementary grant for that department and not under this head.

In these circumstances this motion has to be ruled out of order.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das**: Sir, before a ruling is given I wish to explain the position. In the budget for the Industries Department the different items for which an allotment was made are not given. Under Debt Head—Advances, there is an allotment of over Rs. 14,000 in the budget for the Industries Department. This amount is distributed under various heads of which one is the Trivandrum Sales Depot. I was just saying how this amount was being spent. I said that one of the items is the purchase of yarn. Of course there is no special item in the budget under the Industries Department for the purchase of yarn as such.

**Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai**: At page 84 of the Budget for the current year I find a provision of Rs. 10,000 in the budget for Jails. What does the member say to that?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das**: Sir, the Central Prison asked us to purchase yarn for them and we supplied it. What allotment they have for the purchase of yarn we do not know.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: May I know from the member whether the cost of yarn supplied to the Central Prison has not been received from the Central Prison?

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**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** No. It is paid from the debt head—advance to the Industries Department and the revenue receipts are adjusted.

**Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai:** Sir, a certain amount has been voted in the budget for the Industries Department for 1111. Now it is found that that amount is insufficient for the purposes of the current year. It may be that in the grant for the Central Prison provision is made for Rs. 10,000 or £ 10,000. We are not, however, concerned with that. We are concerned only with the Industries Department; and so far as that department is concerned more money is required by it than the amount voted for it at the Budget Session.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Is it the point of the Industrial Director that the sum of Rs. 14,000 and odd is insufficient for the purpose of the current year?

**Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai:** Yes, that is so.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Has the whole amount been spent already?

**Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai:** That is not the precise question. We are told that the amount voted for it in the budget has been found to be insufficient, and therefore the demand for a supplementary grant is quite in order.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** Sir, out of the amount already budgeted, we have already purchased yarn to the value of Rs. 9,800 and we have got bills pending to the value of Rs. 4,000 and odd. This amount has to be paid. It is for that purpose and also to meet the demands that will be made in the months to follow that I have come forward with this demand.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** May I know from the member whether any amount is received by him from the Central Prison?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** No, Sir.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** May I know whether the Central Prison has not got to pay for the yarn that is supplied to them?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** They do pay. But they do not pay us for the yarn we supplied to them.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** My question is whether when he supplied yarn to the Central Prison he asked for payment?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** There were occasions when the Debt Head Advance was not given and I had to ask them for payment.



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**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: May I know whether when he supplied this yarn he asked for payment? Am I to understand that he did not apply to the Central Prison for payment for the yarn supplied to it when there was provision for purchase of yarn in the budget for Central Prison?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das**: We did, but then that was under other circumstances.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: May I know those circumstances?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das**: The money we had was insufficient and they had to pay direct to the company. In this particular case the Central Prison asked us to order yarn and we ordered. When we purchase the yarn we have got to make payment from the Debt Head Advance allotted to the Industries Department.

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswamy Aiyar** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, the Industries Department has been asked to purchase yarn. They purchase it, make the supply to the Jail Department, pay the bill and debit the payment to Debt Head Advances. They receive the invoice and what happens is that the Accounts Department makes the adjustment.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: May I know from which department the money was paid till now?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswamy Aiyar**: It depends upon the department making the requisition for yarn. If it is the Industries Department, then it will have to pay and get it later on from the Central Prison Department by means of book adjustment.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: May I point out to the member that the Industries Department has been indenting for yarn during the last two years?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar**: Sometimes the Industries Department make the requisition and sometimes the Jail Department makes the requisition. In this particular case the requisition was made through the Industries Department.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: May I know whether it was due to the lack of vigilance on the part of the Industries Department to get credit that they have not got sufficient money?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar**: The department making the requisition will have to pay money from the provision in the budget for that department and then the adjustment of the expenditure is made in the accounts. In this case so far as the Industries Department budget is concerned, both the receipts and expenditure will balance.

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**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I know what the Jail Department has done with regard to the Rs. 10,000 budgeted for the purchase of yarn ?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar :** Perhaps they make their own requisition direct and it is only when they render accounts that we can know whether they are surrendering any portion of it or whether they have spent the whole amount. So far as the Industries Department is concerned it is not a final expenditure. They only want money now for recouping it later on by the receipts.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Are we to understand then that it is only for an adjustment that the honourable member has come now with this demand ?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar :** It is not a final expenditure of the Industries Department.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know why a re-appropriation cannot be made and the amount taken from some other head ?

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar :** The Debt Head Advance has been voted by the legislature and the Industries Department is not authorised to advance moneys to other departments. The receipt transactions are treated separately. Even for that we want money and hence the department has to come to the Legislature for additional sums, just as in the case of agricultural loans.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** So it is not a supplementary grant according to the rules.

**Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar :** It is. A supplementary grant is necessary not only for advances in excess of the sanctioned budget provision.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** I want a ruling on the point raised by me.

**Chairman :** It appears that the Industries Department is responsible for the purchase that they make. They say that under the debt head advance the amount already sanctioned is insufficient and they want a further amount. I think that under the circumstances it is in order for them to move for a supplementary grant.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I point out that we have not sanctioned a single pie to the Industries Department for the purchase of yarn ?

**Chairman :** No, he just referred to the fact that his department is purchasing yarn for the Central Prison. But it is

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the Industries Department that is responsible for the payment. I therefore think that the supplementary grant is in order as it is.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** I just explained how the money already allotted has been spent and why more money is required.

The second item is for a sum of Rs. 2,000 under contingencies.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** In regard to the first item may I know how much of the money was spent for the purchase of yarn for the use of the Central Prison?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** It is not only for the Central Prison Department. Rs. 9,800 worth of yarn has been purchased for three institutions.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** May I know how much was utilised for each institution?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** I want notice. I have not got the information at present.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** I rise to a point of order. When he is not in a position to explain the details of the amount already spent how are we to allot more funds?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** Sir, Rs. 9,800 has already been spent and bills to the extent of Rs. 4,200 are pending.

Sir, the 2nd item of the demand is for the contingencies of the Trivandrum Carpentry School.

**Chairman:** Will you kindly explain who is responsible for the unfortunate purchase of yarn in the Central Prison?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** The Central Prison asks the Department of Industries to purchase yarn at a very low rate. We were able to negotiate with the Madura Mills Company at Ambasamudram.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** What is the special advantage in getting this yarn through the Sales Depot?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** The Company gives two per cent. commission.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will they not give the same commission to the Central Prison?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** No, it is a special concession allowed to the Department of Industries.

Sir, the budget allotment under the Carpentry School is Rs. 2,800 under contingencies excluding stipends.

**Mr. E. P. Varghese:** How many students are there?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** 36 students.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran:** What is the amount usually spent on stipends?

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**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** Rs. 3,500.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran:** How many of the students are given stipends?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** All are stipendiary students.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran:** Will you give a caste-war statement of students?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** I have not got that at present.

Sir, after shifting the Carpentry School to Trivandrum, we have been receiving large orders. There is a particularly large order this year to the extent of Rs. 3,000. It is to meet that order that I ask for this allotment.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Sir, as regards the first part of this demand, the official member has not made out a case for its grant. He has not clearly explained to this House why the Central Prison Department could not get down the yarn required by it directly from the Madura Cotton Mills or from the Bombay or Ahamedabad Mills. When that is possible one cannot understand why the Trivandrum Sales Depot should undertake such a responsibility on behalf of the Central Prison Department. The reason appears to be somewhat obvious. The Trivandrum Sales Depot has practically no business to transact. It has been running at a heavy loss to Government. The Director or whoever is mostly responsible for the continuance of this institution seems to be anxious that some business is transacted in the depot and the loss is minimised. Business it, no doubt, gets by the above arrangement; but it brings no profit to the institution. The Director has informed this House that under this arrangement the Sales Depot derives a profit by way of a 2 per cent. commission. There is no sound foundation for this assurance. The yarn that is supplied through the Sales Depot to the Central Prison is turned into finished goods which are now consumed only by Government institutions such as the Medical Department, the Military Department, the Police and the Excise Departments, and so on. These finished goods are sold to the various departments usually at prices which are higher than the market prices of such commodities. The price of yarn, the cost of production and the 2 per cent. commission which is claimed by the Sales Depot and such other items really go to determine the selling price of the finished cotton goods manufactured in the Central Prison. So, what is shown as profit or gain in the accounts of the Sales Depot will have to be treated as corresponding loss in the accounts of the various other departments which are compelled to purchase these goods at such prices which the Central Prison Department fixes from time to time, although as a matter of fact they could get these articles at cheaper rates in the open market. Hence I have no hesitation in characterising the whole thing as a hoax. It is nothing but a deliberate fraud.

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**Mr. M. Govindan :** What is the source of his information?

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** I cannot give the source of all my information. The member may refer the matter to the Director of Industries.

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** On a point of order, Sir. Is the expression "deliberate fraud" parliamentary?

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** The so-called profit for the Sales Depot is only the result of a manipulation or adjustment of accounts. In order to show a 2 per cent. profit for the Sales Depot the various Government Departments are forced to purchase the articles at prices which are generally far higher than the actual market rates of such commodities. If the Director has no convincing arguments to give, let him not dare to hoodwink this House. What transpires now is that every year an allotment is made in the budget for the Central Prison under head "Purchase of raw materials." Till recently this amount was being directly utilised by the Superintendent of the Central Prison for the purchase of yarn required for his department; but during the last two or three years the system has undergone a change. The Jail authorities are now directed to indent for yarn for the amount provided in their budget to the Director of Industries, who in his turn will write to the mills. When the goods are supplied and the bill is received from the company the 2 per cent. commission is credited in the accounts of the Sales Depot and the claim of the company is asked to be met by the Jail Department. This is a meaningless arrangement leading to unnecessary and profitless correspondence between departments and to waste of considerable stationery.

Unless this House is satisfied that the allotment of Rs. 10,000 made in the budget of the Jail Department for the current year is completely spent actually in the purchase of yarn and other such raw materials and that an excess amount of another Rs. 10,000 will be required during the year for the purpose, it will not be justified in sanctioning this grant. Since a change of policy also is involved in this question, it will be better and proper to consider it at the time of the next budget.

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** ഈ ഡിമാന്റിനെ ഞാൻ എതിർക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ സെയിൽസു ഡിപ്പോ വ്യാപാരശാലയല്ലാ പ്രദർശനശാലയാണു വെറും ലാഭത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയല്ലാ ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനം ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇതിൽനിന്നും കിട്ടുന്ന ലാഭംതന്നെ നോക്കിയാലും വളരെ പരിമിതമാണു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഇങ്ങനെയൊരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ആവശ്യംതന്നെയില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി മേലാലെങ്കിലും സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻഡു കൊണ്ടുവരാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് അധികൃതന്മാർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതാണു. അത്യാവശ്യമായ കായ്

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ങ്കിലും വേറെ പലതുമുണ്ട്. അനാവശ്യമായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുകളും ഉള്ള ക്കൂട്ടത്തിൽ അടുത്തപ്രാവശ്യം അത്യാവശ്യമായി നിറുത്തേണ്ട ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറാണ് ഇതു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിലേക്കു പണം അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടില്ല ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറു മേധാവികൾ നല്ലവണ്ണംആലോചിച്ചു സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറുകൊണ്ടു വരണമെന്നു ഞാൻഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran** : ഈ സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറുകൊണ്ടുവന്നതിൽ ആലോചനക്കുറവുവല്ലതുംഉണ്ടോ?

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : ഇതു അത്ര അത്യാവശ്യമല്ല. ബഡ്ജറ്റു സമ്മേളനത്തിനു ഇനിരണ്ടുമാസമേയുള്ളൂ. ക്രടക്രടെ ഇങ്ങനെ സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറു കൊണ്ടുവന്നു സഭയുടെ വിലയേറിയ സമയത്തെ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran** : സഭയുടെ വിലയേറിയ സമയത്തെ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതു് ആരാണു?

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : ഇതു ഹാജരാക്കിയ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുമേധാവിയുംനിങ്ങളും ഞാനും മറുംതന്നെ.

**Mr. M Govindan** : Sir, I support the demand in view of the very satisfactory explanation given by the Financial Secretary. After all, it is an account adjustment.

**Mr. H. O. L. Marikkar** : Sir, I oppose the demand. I find that the funds allotted for the Industries Department are mixed up in different ways. We are not in a position to know how much is being spent for each department. For instance, if the Jails Department wanted a provision of Rs. 10,000 the money should go direct to that department. And after the raw materials are manufactured by the convicts, these manufactured goods could be sent over to the other departments. Out of the receipts by such sale, goods could be purchased from the School of Arts, the sales department or any other department. The sale proceeds may be reinvested for purchasing more raw materials. The allotment of Rs. 10,000 will go to liquidate the debt to the Jail Department. It should not go in that way. If we allow Rs. 10,000 to the Jail Department, the Sales Depot may get the manufactured goods from the Jail Department and the value for the goods should go to the Jail Department. Some such arrangement will have to be made. Otherwise we will not know how this Sales Depot will be working. Unless proper arrangement is made to show the profit and loss in the working of the Sales Depot at the end of the year, it is not advisable to allot any more funds. I oppose the demand.

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**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** Sir I am unable to understand anything from what the Financial Secretary, or the Director of Industries said regarding this. We find from the budget that a sum of Rs. 10,000 is allotted to the Jail Department for this purpose. Now the Director of Industries says that he has supplied some yarn to the Jail Department and he wants payment for it. I ask what has the Central Prison done with the allotment made to it for the purchase of yarn. The Financial Secretary spoke of some heads. He has only created a confusion of heads and we are not in a position to understand what it is. Before considering this demand we wish to know what the Central Prison has done with the sum allotted to it for the purchase of yarn.

**Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai:** One question. If the Central Prison Department gives Rs. 10,000 to the Industries Department, can the Industries Department spend it without the vote of the House?

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** That is a hypothetical question which I am not prepared to answer now.

The point that I am at is when the Central Prison Department has a sum of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned to them for the purchase of yarn could not the value of the yarn supplied to them by the Director of Industries be met from that allotment? Why should we be now called upon to sanction a supplementary grant when there is already a sum of Rs. 10,000 available for payment for yarn supplied to the Central Prison? I am indeed sorry that the members who spoke on behalf of Government have not enlightened us on this point. For all these reasons I would request the Director of Industries to withdraw this part of the supplementary demand of his department and come to us again if necessary with fuller particulars.

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** May I explain, Sir. There is an allotment of Rs. 10,000 in the budget of the Industries Department. That department has ordered yarn from the mills in Madura to be supplied to the Central Prison. The major portion of the yarn purchased for Rs. 9,800 has been supplied to the Central Prison. The bill has to be paid by the Department of Industries out of its own funds and not out of the funds sanctioned for any other department. I am sure, Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai knows well that even Government have not got the power to transfer funds from one department to another, without the vote of this House. The real point at issue is whether it is proper for the Industries Department to continue the present arrangement. It has been in force since last year. The Industries Department orders yarn from the Madura Mills for supply to the Central Prison and

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the department which orders the article has to pay the bill. Out of the sanctioned sum of Rs. 14,000 for the Industries Department, Rs. 9,800 has already been spent and there is only a balance of about Rs. 4,200 The Director of Industries wants another Rs. 10,000 to pay the bills now pending and those which may be received hereafter. Let us see what the Central Prison does with the allotment. The Department of Industries gets credit for the value of the yarn supplied to the Central Prison and that credit is adjusted in the books by the Account Officer, by debiting the amount to the Central Prison.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** May I know how much of this amount was actually spent for yarn?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Out of which amount please?

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Out of Rs. 14,000. For instance if Rs. 5,000 alone was spent by the Industries Department, what has the Director to say for the balance amount?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** I am sorry, the Director himself was not able to explain the position. You may take it that the Director of Industries would not have come to the House for the sake of getting more money than he could spend. The amount that is available in his department is Rs. 14,000; out of which Rs 9,800 has been spent and the balance available is not sufficient to pay the bills pending and those that will come in hereafter.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** If the necessary adjustments could be made by the Account Officer, why should the Industries Director come again for a supplementary demand?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** For the transfer of amounts from one department to another, the vote of the House is necessary.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Then again, I am sure that the expenditure for the supply of yarn has never exceeded Rs 8,000 for the reason that only Rs. 8,000 was spent for last year and Rs. 7,000 or so for the year previous and so on.

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** The honourable members should know that the weaving factory in the Central Prison has developed. It is turning out more things than it used to do. Recently two power looms were installed there and consequently large quantities of goods are being supplied to the various departments. Goods are also being sold to private agents. For the Murajapam a large number of Jamkalams were supplied and there is at present a larger demand for the articles produced in the Jail than in previous years.



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**Mr. H. O. L. Marikkar:** Is it not the duty of the Sales Depot to supply articles?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** It is true that the Sales Depot is intended for the sale of manufactured goods of Travancore. But, if the Director of Industries could get raw materials at a cheap rate he is quite in order in making arrangements for the same

**Mr. H. O. L. Marikar:** Why did not the Director of Industries order the things himself?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** The Sales Depot is also under the control of the Director of Industries. Instead of the Director ordering yarn direct, he asked the officer in charge of the Sales Depot to do so. There is nothing out of the way in this procedure.

**Mr. H. O. L. Marikar:** In that case, is it not possible for the Sales Department to show that a good market was found for the things imported into Travancore and not for the things locally produced?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Accounts are kept separately for the articles locally manufactured and sold and those purchased from outside and supplied to other institutions. The Department of Industries has to pay the pending bills for which funds must be provided for that department. Unless this is done more yarn cannot be purchased. The point that is now raised in the House is, why should not the Central Prison itself make arrangements for purchasing yarn. Since last year the arrangement has been different. I do not see why the department of Industries should lose the 2 per cent commission it gets in this transaction. If the Central Prison orders yarn directly it will not get any commission. If the Industries Departmet does it, it gets a commission of 2 per cent. Is there anything wrong in that department ordering the yarn and getting the commission? Nobody loses anything thereby. The Sales Depot will be a loser if the order does not go through it.

**Mr. H. O. L. Marikar:** Then why did not the Director of Industries himself order the yarn?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** It makes no difference. Instead of the Director sending the order he asked his subordinate in charge of the Sales Depot to do so.

**Mr. H. O. L. Marikar:** How can the Sales Depot show the commission they get for selling Travancore goods?

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**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Separate accounts are kept of Travancore articles sold and outside articles purchased.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I know, who gave permission to the Director of Industries to order the yarn at 2 per cent commission ?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :** Government did it. If the Central Prison could not get this commission the Government thought it would be better to place orders through the Industries Department so that that Department might earn the commission.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** May I know from which mill was yarn purchased ?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :** Madura Mills.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I point out that even private agencies get this 2 per cent commission ?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** We get this concession as a special rate. I may inform the member that even the agents of the Madura Company are not able to supply for this rate.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Then how is it that private agencies get that commission ?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das** They cannot.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Suppose there is a large order for yarn from a private agency, will not a commission be allowed ?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** No. What I have said is a fact. There is a special concession afforded to the Sales Depot and that concession is not obtainable for any other agencies.

**Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi :** Is there any virtue for the Jail Department getting its own yarn ?

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** If that 2 per cent commission is got will that profit go to the Jail Department?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** No.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** If it gets that concession, will it not enable the Jail Department to manufacture articles at a lower rate ?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** They cannot do it.

**Chairman :** Mr. Kumara Das is not in possession of the House.

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :** As I said Sir, the transaction between the Department of Industries and the Central Prison is merely a book adjustment. Even Government cannot transfer funds from one department to another. Unless the House allows this demand the Department of Industries cannot pay the bills pending.

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**Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi:** Then is it not admittedly an advance?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Yes. Yarn is supplied to the Central Prison. The Cental prison sells articles made out of it and credits the sale proceeds to the account of the Industries Department which advances money for the purchase of yarn. In this transaction the Sales Depot makes 2 per cent commission by purchasing and supplying yarn to the Central Prison.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** May I know whether there is any objection for the Central Prison Department selling the articles and sending the accounts?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** That is not proper accounting.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** May I know whether the Jail Department has protested against the Industries Department getting this 2 per cent commission?

**Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** No. The commission is allowed to the Industries Department only and not to any other department. If it swells the credit sides of the Sales Depot I do not understand why the honourable members should object to it. It is only reasonable that the House passes this demand.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das:** I have nothing more to say by way of reply. There is no money available with the Industries Department for meeting the bills pending payment. Unless this demand is sanctioned by the House no amount could be paid for the bills sanctioned already.

**Chairman:** The question before the House is whether it is agreeable for the sanction of Rs. 12,000/— now asked for by the Industries Director.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried. The grant was made.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

**Mr. James Simpson:** Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 19,500 for meeting the following expenditure:—

(i) Travelling allowance of officers—Rs, 2,000.

(ii) Grant to the Salvation Army's Leper Colony; Chemmanad—Rs. 2,500.

(iii) Dieting charges for inpatients—Rs. 15,000.

The allotment sanctioned was Rs. 2,500 out of which Rs. 300 was for the Travelling Allowance of the establishment. Traveling Allowance Bills for 1110 to the extent of Rs. 1,245 were not cashed till 1111. This amount was paid from the budget allotment of 1111. During Chingom and Kanni 1111 the Darbar Physician had not time to attend to his usual work of inspection. He had to go

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